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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Services Division, TSSG
ATTENTION : Chief, Logistics Branch, SSD
SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Cannibalize Equipment

1. In 1966/67, certain prototype light tables were developed, under contract, by [redacted] These light tables are identified as follows:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Prototype No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
[redacted]	[redacted]	1	Advanced Tilt Top Light Table
		2	Advanced Film Viewing Light Table with Translating Microscope Carriage
		3	Advanced Film Viewing Light Table with Translating Microscope Carriage and High Intensity Tracking Light Sources
		603	Advanced Tilt Top Light Table
		604	Advanced Film Viewing Light Table with Translating Microscope Carriage
		605*	Advanced Film Viewing Light Table with Translating Microscope Carriage and High Intensity Tracking Light Sources

*NOTE: The contract with [redacted] was terminated prior to completion of Prototype No. 605. This table was received at NPIC in an unusable condition.

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2. The then (1966/67) usable light tables, received at NPIC as the result of these contracts, were tested/evaluated by the Development Staff (now TSSG/DED), the Photographic Analysis Group (now IEG), and the Imagery Analysis Service. Results of this testing/evaluation indicated that none of these light tables were suitable for operational use. Since this latter determination (a period of approximately three years) these light tables have been used for real reference purposes in follow-on development contracts. Due to intermittent operation, low reliability, and ensuing age, these tables are now in various stages of disrepair and are believed to be of questionable salvage value on the open market.

3. It is noted that these tables contain many mechanical and electronic components which could be used most economically in the presently active in-house project to develop a light table responsive to the Photo Interpreter's needs. Also, such components could be used in other in-house projects as well as basic research.

4. A request is therefore made that TSSG/DED be allowed to cannibalize the equipment listed in paragraph 1.

5. Residual components not used in present in-house development work will be stored for use on subsequent projects by TSSG/DED and TSSG/ESD. Unusable parts will be made available for commercial salvage through appropriate channels.

[Redacted]
Chief, Development & Engineering Division, TSSG

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